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Dear Harold,

In the process of moving I lost my access to a typewriter so I hope you can read this letter.

When you and I talked on the phone last November you mentioned you now know who murdered Kennedy and how, and why. The information I can give you might then be of no useable value. However I hope you will comment on it as this can help me prepare my thinking about this event.

At the present I am a graduate student at the University of Washington, studying ceramics. I am preparing a thesis exhibition centering around the assassination of J.F.K. After the Moore thing, and meeting my friend C. (the ex-FBI man) my interest deepened. I am also helping prepare material to discuss and show high-school age students in a free school called the Phoenix School. The students in a class simply called "Justice" will be studying the assassinations of the sixties for the remainder of the next term and I volunteered to help them gather material, arrange the many ideas circulating about the events, and organize a bibliography for reference. After I reported to you my conversations with Agent Moore. I made a decision to know. A week later I met C. so fate seems to be running with me.

My new landlord is a young black man who entered the FBI in the spring of 1964. After he graduated from the bureau's training

program he was assigned to the Kansas City office of the FBI. While C. was in Kansas City he met and often worked on various cases with agent James P. Hosty Jr. It seems that Hosty was being "disciplined" for "knowing" about the relationship of the bureau to one of its most troublesome informers - Lee Oswald.

According to what C. was told by Hosty, Oswald was ^{an} informer for the FBI, but he wasn't giving them what they wanted, and was generally avoiding them. Oswald was recruited as a P.S.I. (Potential Security Informer) shortly after he arrived back in the States from the Soviet Union. In 1963 he was apparently giving them data as he was reclassified S.I. (Security Informer). After Oswald's requested interview in New Orleans he began to avoid the bureau. Hosty told C. that he was assigned to find out what was bothering Oswald, why he wasn't informing etc.? Hosty slipped notes under Oswald's Oak Cliff residence after he found out where it was. Harassed Oswald's wife and ~~neighbors~~ neighbors, and muffed a confrontation between Oswald and himself a number of times. I get the feeling C. is holding back a lot about Hosty's relationship with Oswald. I believe Hosty did get a hold of Oswald prior to the 22nd. I am wondering if there are any indications that Hosty or other federales harassed Oswald at the TSBD? Are there ~~any~~ any commission documents that you have seen that might show that Roy

B Truly was contacted about Oswald prior to the Zenc? I get the feeling from C. that the bureau was generally confused about just who was Oswald before they decided to cover-up his relationship to them. (one government ^{agencies} ~~implic~~ blackmail over arouger ?!). ~~Anyway~~ At any rate, C quit over the King Case and he wants to forget. C is real secure, with a great job and ~~plenty~~ a lot of reasons to play dumb and numb, but like I said when we talked over the phone, I feel this emotional desire to expose his real thinking. Although his experience with the FBI must have impressed him with its loyalty syndrome he still talks to me about the experience in a negative manner. I am positive that his memory cells are all clogged up with data that might lead to real dynamite for his former employer's ~~critics~~ critics. Harold, how would you proceed? You have had much more experience than I have in this. I just hope I don't blow it by being ~~overly~~ insensitive at a critical point. I promised him I would never quote him ever. He frowned when I told him I might correspond with a leading critic about what he said. He didn't say no, but he needs to talk, I think, and he doesn't really know what I am going to do with what he'll tell me. When I told him I don't want to write, I just want to help those students at Phoenix and prepare that thesis thing he smiles so I've got

problem. He wants to see me for dinner with my wife soon so I'll know by then I guess. Can you give me some idea about if this information I've given you fits into your idea of the FBI relationship between Oswald and the Bureau?

I'm real interested about Oswald's knowledge of the MPS-16 high-altitude radar unit. I just read Francis Gary Powers' account of his experiences, and it seems reasonable to conclude that Oswald's mission to Moscow had to do with U-2's. I can't quite understand if he blew his mission, or if he did his job. Did he really give them radar data to get a U-2 before the summit, or was he trying to get in a position as a sleeper, work with their radar crews, etc? I hope your new book will get into this aspect of his employment with the CIA (if possible.)

I read Bradford Huie's Book and he and Bill Manchester should establish a partnership? I'm glad that Robert Kaiser isn't into their particular brand of ~~history~~ historical reporting.

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I gather that C. was a member of a team of agents who were involved in studying the backgrounds of various members and hangers-on of the NSRP (National States Rights Party) and how they were related to various Ray contacts in Atlanta and New Orleans. He continually talks about "certain heavy dudes" in that group and that the NSRP is a clearing house for racist and other activities. I get the impression that the NSRP is also some sort of front for other things. Is Stoner still working for Ray?

I hope I can get some more on both events for you. And again, you might suggest either relevant questions to ask of C. and/or how I might better present my aims and attitudes towards a more comfortable environment in which we might talk about these things.

Marcus sent me his book "The bastard bullet". Thank you again for suggesting him to me. You were right about those jerks who formed that Committee to Study Assassinations too. I asked them for a simple bibliography and I've yet to receive a reply.

This has been a rambling letter with too many things not said in enough detail and clarity, however I will spend more time on the next. Remember to remember me when your new books are finished.

Thanks so much
Jim